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Dear Dr. Frumkin:

I am writing to you in response to your letter of July 18, 2003 to EPA Administrator Horinko regarding the membership of the EPA Science Advisory Board's (SAB) Bioethics Advisory Committee.

We appreciate your recommendation for considering the health needs of children in selecting members of this newly created SAB committee. As children's health is a priority to the overall mission of EPA, we do recognize the need for outside experts in pediatrics and bioethics on this SAB committee.

As has been our practice in the past and most recently during the SAB review of the Agency's External Draft "Supplemental Guidance on Assessing Cancer Susceptibility to Early-Life Exposure", the SAB looks forward to the continued interactions with CHPAC on topics relevant to children's health.

Thank you for your interest in the SAB.

Sincerely,

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